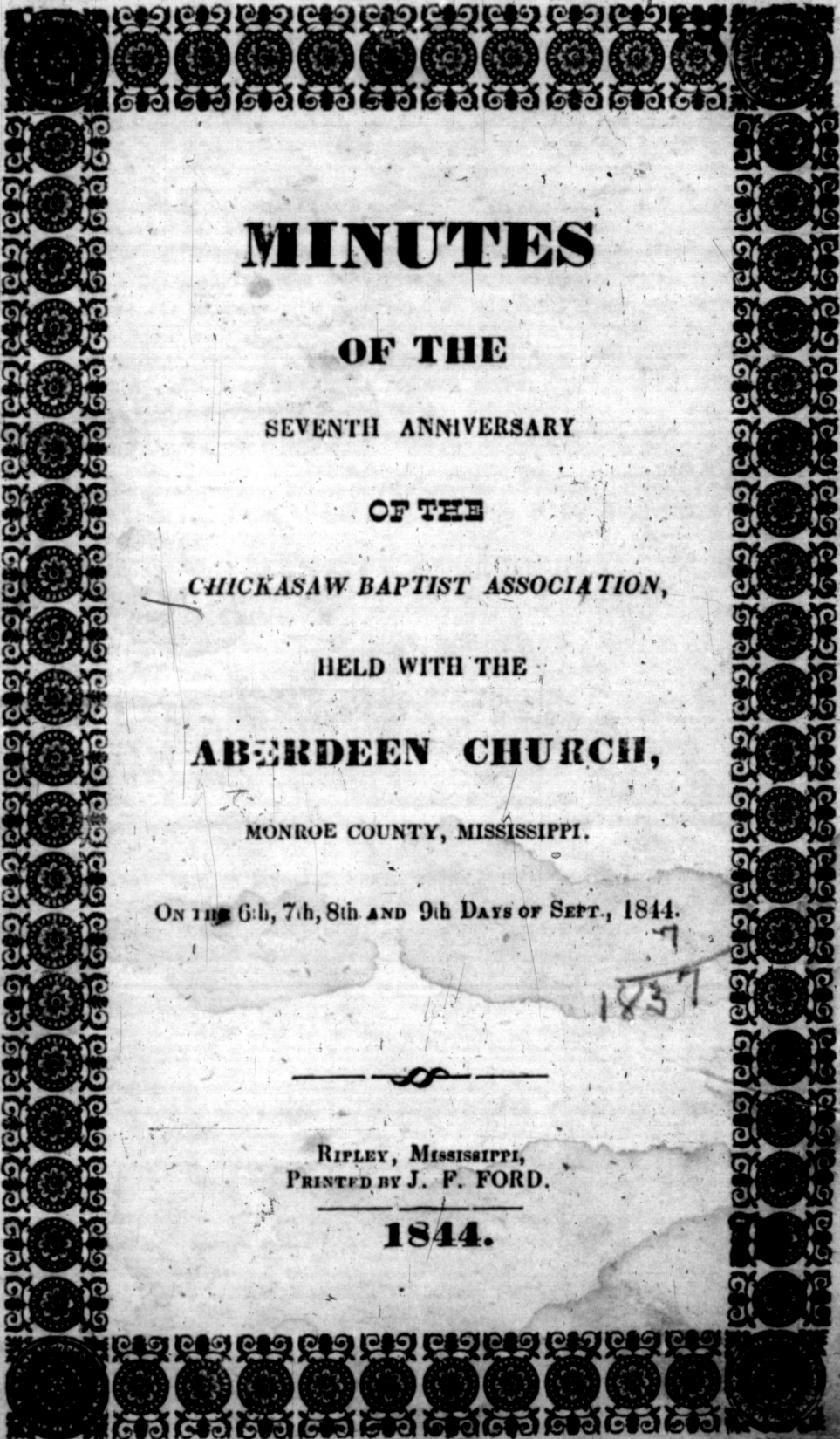


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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

ABERDEEN CHURCH,

MONROE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

ON THE 6th, 7th, 8th AND 9th DAYS OF SEPT., 1844.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

AMERICAN CHURCH

AT THE

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MINUTES OF THE CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The sixth Annual session of the Chickasaw Baptist Association convened with the Aberdeen Church, Monroe county, on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1844.

1st, The introductory sermon was preached by Elder William Hale, from St. Mark, 6th chapter and 12th verse. And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

2nd, The association was then called to order. Prayer by Brother William H. Holcombe the moderator of last year.

3rd, Called for the letters from the churches of this association; received and read.

4th, Called for petitionary letters—received letters from four new churches which was admitted into our body, and the right hand of fellowship given, and their Delegates invited to seats with us, all of which is designated in our table by a star.

5th, The association then proceeded to elect a moderator and clerk. Brother Stephen Adams was appointed to hold the election and reported elder William H. Holcombe moderator and Simon R. Spight clerk.

5th, On motion of Brother Henry Roberson, Brother B. Collins was appointed assistant clerk.

7th, Called for corresponding letters from sister associations. Received a letter from the Bear Creek association by her delegate, Elder R. C. Burlerson, who was invited to a seat with us.

8th, Appointed the following committees.

1st, On arrangement, Brethren G. B. Waldrop, W. H. Holcombe, W. Hale, Allen Atkins and H. H. Mallory.

2nd, On preaching, Brethren R. H. Boone, B. Bugg, Alein Atkins and B. Collins to act in concert with the committee to be appointed to-morrow by the Columbus Association.

3rd On correspondence, Brethren G. B. Waldrop, E. Barbee and W. Hale.

On motion, the association adjourned until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by Elder G. B. Waldrop.

SATURDAY MORNING Sept, 7th 1844.

The association met together pursuant to adjournment. Prayer By Elder W. Stanfield.

1st, On motion of brother Boone in behalf of the Eanon church Tishemingo County, that the name of the Eanon Church be changed, and that the church be hereafter called Yellow-Creek church, which was unanimously agreed to.

On motion, called for the constitution, articles of faith and rules of decorum, which was read.

On motion, Resolved that we invite the members and delegates of the Columbus association to take seats with us, which was done by our moderator with a cordial invitation.

Called for reports:—

Received the report of the committee of arrangements, which was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

Received the report of the committee on the Bible cause, which was adopted and ordered to be spread upon the minutes and the committee discharged.

The committee on Temperance made no report.

Appointed Brethren Stephen Adams and G. B. Waldrop to make a report on Temperance on Monday next.

The committee on foreign and domestic missions made no report.

Appointed Brethren Elijah Barbee and William Hale to report on missions on Monday next.

STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

NAMES OF DELEGATES

Abroad delegates thus (\$)

The committee on the state of religion in the bounds of this association asked and obtained indulgence until Monday next, to hand in their report.

The committee on the moral and religious improvements of the colored population, asked and obtained indulgence until Monday next, and brother Stanfield was appointed to assist brother Spight in making out the report, in the place of brother Smith, absent.

The committee on the executive asked and obtained indulgence until Monday next.

On motion, resolved that we appoint a select committee to report on the resolution from the Union meeting of the 2nd district that the association be requested to connect with the Union meeting a minister's and Deacon's meeting, and that the association appoint a minister to preach a sermon for the instruction of ministers and deacons, and that brethren G. B. Waldrop, W. Stanfield and Stephen Adams, be the committee.

Received a letter which was read, relative to the constitution of churches, which was referred to a select committee of five, to report on Monday next, and that brethren Waldrop, Adams, Hale, Halembie, and Thomas be the committee.

Resolved that the resolution relative to the 12th article of our constitution be referred to the same committee, to wit:—Brethren Waldrop, Adams, Hale, Halcombe and Thomas.

Appointed a committee on finance, brethren Benjamin Collins, Joseph C. Spight and H. H. Mabley.

Appointed a committee of four to confer with committee of the Columbus association in reference to preaching the missionary sermon and taking up a collection for foreign and domestic missions on Sabbath.

On motion the association adjourned until Monday morning 8 o'clock. Prayer by brother Elijah Barbee.

LORD'S DAY September 8 h, 1844.

Met a large concourse of people, who assembled at the Arbour, and with the most profound silence, had the word of the Lord preached in its purity by brethren Hall, combe, Kenny, Jewett and Crane. And we have great reason to believe the word preached had the desired effect in convincing and awakening sinners and comforting the Christians.

The missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by brother Kenny, after which a collection was taken up for the benefit of the Home and Foreign missions, to be equally divided between the Columbus and Chickasaw association which was done, see report of the financial and executive committee.

MONDAY, September 9th, 1846.

Met pursuant to adjournment, Prayer by brother Thomas,

Received a petitionary letter from New Albany church, Tippah county, which was read and received, which is designated in our table by a star.

Received petitions from the following churches, for letters of dismission from our body, to form a new association, to wit:—Aberdeen Liberty, Monroe county, Mantachess creek, Hopewell, Eanon, Pleasant Grove, and Tochshish churches which was granted, and ordered that the clerk give them letters of dismission, which was done.

Called for reports.

Received the report of the executive committee, which was read and received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes,

On motion resolved that we appoint brother R H Boone moderator protem in the absence of brother Halcombe who asked leave of absence for a short period,

The committee on temperance made no report, agreed to exonerate the committee from making out the report,

Report of the committee on foreign and domestic missions read, received and ordered.

to be spread upon the minutes.

Report of the committee on the state of religion in the bounds of the association read, and on motion it was laid on the table and the committee discharged.

Report of the committee on the religious improvements of the colored population in the bounds of this association. read, received and ordered to be spread upon minutes.

Report of the select committee on Union meetings read, received and ordered to be spread on our minutes.

Report of the Financial committee called for and agreed to give the committee indulgence, and that they make their report to the clerk before the minutes printed.

Resolved that the money returned to this association by brother Ware be received by our Treasurer and that the delegates from this association to the Mississippi State Convention be authorized to call on the Treasurer for the same and for other monies in his hands for foreign missions and the Bible Society, and carry the same to the Mississippi State convention for the purposes designated.

Report of the select committee on constituting of churches, read and received and ordered to be spread on our minutes.

Appointed the following committees.

Appointed brethren Nathaniel Harbin, Simon R. Spight, Benjamin Collins, Willie J. Riddle, and Allen Adkins the executive committee, and that they take charge of the Domestic Mission, and that any three of them form a quorum for business.

Appointed Bro Nathaniel Harbin Treasurer of the Executive Board.

Appointed brethren Allen Adkins and H H Mallory to write on temperance.

On the Bible cause, brethren R H Boone and J M Griffin.

On Foreign and domestic missions, brethren William Hale, and G B Waldrop.

On Sunday Schools, brethren Joseph C Spight and Elijah Barbee.

Resolved, that we dispense with the committee on the state of religion in the bounds of this Association.

On the Moral and religious improvements of the coloured population brethren Elders Elijah Smith and James Boswell.

Appointed Corresponding Messengers to the following Association, to wit: To the Yellow Bush Association, brethren W Hale and Josiah Moton, and that they write the letter.

To the Big Hatchie Association, brethren H Spencer, R Fuller, H Roberson and Simon R Spight, and that Bro Spight write the letter.

To the Zion Association, brethren Elders James Boswell and G B Waldrop, and that they write the letter.

To the Columbus Association, brethren Elders James Boswell and Elijah Smith and that they write the letter.

To the North River Association, brethren Elders Lee Compier and Jeremiah Burns and that they write the letter.

To the Mississippi State Convention, brethren Elder Lee Compier and Benjamin Collins and that bro Collins write the letter.

To the Bear Creek Association, brethren Elder J M Griffin and R H Boone and that they write the letter.

Resolved, that we open a correspondence with the Panola association and that brethren elders William Hale and G B Waldrop be our messengers, and that they write the letter.

Resolved, that the next Union meeting of the first district be held with the Cypress creek church on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July next, and that brother G B Waldrop preach a sermon for the benefit of the ministers and deacons.

Resolved, that the next Union meeting of the second district be held with the Salem church on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August and that brother Jeremiah Burns preach a sermon for the benefit of the ministers and deacons.

Resolved, that the next Union meeting of the third district be held with yellow creek church on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, and that brother William Hale preach a sermon for the benefit of the ministers and deacons.

Called for the report of the committee on corresponding letters and minutes from sister associations—no report; agreed to discharge the committee.

Resolved, that our next association be holden with the church at Ripley Tip-pah county Miss. to commence on Friday before the 3rd Lord's Day in September 1815 and days following, and that brother Jeremiah Burns preach the introductory sermon, and brother G B Waldrop his alternate.

Resolved that brother William Hale preach the next Missionary sermon and brother Lee Compier his alternate.

Resolved that our executive committee be authorized to confer with the committee of the Columbus association to divide the the funds and subscription made on Sabbath for home and foreign missions. See report of executive committee.

Resolved, that we recommend to the favorable notice of the churches, the Theological department of Howard College located at Marion, Perry county, Alabama as offering desirable facilities to young ministering brethren wishing to pursue Theological studies.

Resolved, that we cordially recommend the Judson Female Institute, in charge of professor Jewett at Marion Alabama, as a seminary eminently worthy of the confidence and patronage of parents, who wish to give their daughters a thorough and accomplished education.

Resolved, that we desire to impress upon members of the churches the importance of supplying themselves with the religious periodicals of our denomination and we therefore recommend to their patronage, the Christian Index, Baptist Banner and Pioneer, the Baptist at Nashville, and the Alabama Baptist.

Resolved, that the clerk of this association procure a large book in which he shall transcribe all subsequent acts and doings of this body, together with the abstract of faith and rules of decorum.

Resolved further, that the clerk shall also transcribe from time to time into said book, all the future acts of this body.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the Bible, beg leave respectfully to submit the following report.

Since the time of our blessed Lord and master Jesus Christ and his apostles, whose personal preaching and miraculous labours were the grand instruments, by which original impulse was imparted to the "glorious gospel of the blessed God," no enterprise has appealed more loudly and with greater effect to the affections and hearty zeal of Christians than the translation and general distribution of the word of God. The Bible, the chart which guides to heavenly glory, the map of the Christian's spiritual career, the fountain from which are drawn the rich draught of holy love, it is this blessed book, that those who are incorporated in the organization called the American and Foreign Bible Society, designed to give to every member of the human family. Within a few years, there has devolved upon our denomination a fearful weight of responsibility, cut off by an illiberal, unconstitutional and ungenerous resolution of the American Bible Society, from active co-operation with other denominations in circulating the pure unadulterated and translated word of God among the degraded heathen, every friend of the truth revealed in the sacred word have been called upon for active effort. Holding the grand conservative of gospel christianity, as of higher moment than the institutions of men the friends of the Bible have eagerly longed for the period when it should sway every human mind.

The discovery of the art of printing was a proud era in the world's history. In 1457 it was first employed in the publication of the Bible. Colporteurs distributed it. From that time to this, varied have been the organizations seeking its general dissemination. Great Britain and the United States have vied with each other in efforts to

extend its circulation. The American and Foreign Bible society in the seven years of its existence, has received and appropriated \$34,250 to home distribution and \$130,000 to Foreign distribution. Who can calculate the amount of good accomplished by this expenditures of money. Over 600,000 of human beings are without the bread of life, vast numbers are living in the most abject want and wretchedness, the subjects of indescribable despotism, and the direst cruelties. They can only be relieved by the influence of the gospel made known through God's word. The venerable Cary and his associates have left as a legacy to posterity, versions of the scriptures in the Lauscrit and Bengale, besides portions of the divine record in forty different dialects of India. Judson has translated the entire volume into the language of the Burmese, Jones the New Testament into that of the Siamese, and Mason has just finished the New Testament in Kiran. But the means must be furnished for carrying out the work thus begun. Shall we suffer the beloved missionary to labor for ten or twenty years to complete his version on a most every word of which he might inscribe the motto that one of the first voyagers to Greenland carved on his oar, "oft was I weary when I toiled at thee," and then tell him by our actions that we will not furnish money for its distribution.

The blessed Book which our fathers loved, whose high principles, gave them the hope, through God's spirit, the hope of Heaven; that Book which our children must have for a guide to aeternal joy, and all the nations of the earth should receive it faithfully translated.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. HALCOMBE, Chairman.

Report on Foreign and Domestic Missions.

Your Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of Foreign Missions, beg leave respectfully to report: That the brief limits of any report, are not sufficient to present the various bearings of this cause. Whether the ultimate and universal overthrow of the powers of darkness, or the general civilization of the world and its complete redemption from sin in its multiplied form of wretchedness are considered, language is inadequate, fully to convey an idea of the greatness of that work which is to be accomplished in carrying out the Saviour's last commission. What has been done is as nothing to what remains to be done, the outposts of satans grand army have not yet been taken, the battlements of Gaudamas and Juggernauts, defenders are still manned by the troops of the enemy of souls. Africa and Asia, portions of Europe and much larger portions of this continent are under the dominion, either of Mahomet or the Pope of Rome, pure heathanism or false forms of christianity. Never were the calls more numerous, more weighty, or more powerful upon the sympathies, the prayers and active efforts of christians of every name.

Within the year past, a new impulse has been given to the cause, in some parts of our common country by the presence and personal efforts of the beloved Kincaid. At the last meeting of the Triennial Convention, new zeal was kindled and as the result of that zeal, fresh started, may be mentioned the fact that twenty brethren were obtained, who each agreed to pay four hundred dollars, for the support of twenty Missionaries in heathen lands. "The number of Missions in connection with this board is 18 Stations and out stations, 92; Missionaries and assistant Missionaries 110. Native preachers and assistants 100, churches 75, Baptisms 829; Members 4,800. There are from thirty to forty schools, containing from 800 to 1000 pupils." The number of Missionaries has increased during the past year 6. The New Testament in Bassa, Assamese and Chinese is in preparation. The Siamese New Testament is printed and the Karen and Pagan are in course of publication.

The history of the cruelties practiced in heathen countries, the appalling crime committed, the immense evil incident to idolatry have all been so often set forth and are so fresh in the mind, that it is hardly necessary to call them up again. May the very remembrance of them bring about a higher devotion of our power, greater zeal in the service of God; attending all our contribution should be our warm and hearty

prayers. The missionaries seek these as much as our money, and should either be withheld? The response of every real Christian is in the negative.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the Pastor's and members of our church to procure the general circulation of the "Macedonian" published by the Board of the Convention, and which may be obtained for the small sum of 10 cents per copy.

Upon the subject of Domestic missions, your committee are compelled to say that they are without documents upon which any remarks or suggestions of a valuable character may be based.

E. BARBER.

W. HALE.

Report of the Religious Improvement of the Coloured Population.

Your Committee on the moral and religious improvements of the coloured population, beg leave to report as follows, to wit:—So far as our knowledge extends, we can say, we believe the Lord is carrying on the work of reformation among the blacks, and that there has been many of them brought to a saving knowledge of the truth and have been added to our number, and we feel thankful to our ministering Brethren, for the zeal they have taken in instructing our blacks during the last year, and we have to rejoice and be thankful to the Lord for the great improvements that is going on amongst them, and we pray the Lord to carry on the work over the head of every opposition, until every one shall be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. To effect this object, we request our ministering Brethren to use every laudable effort to improve and instruct them in the knowledge of a Saviour.

All of which is submitted.

S R SPIGHT, Chm'n.

REPORT ON UNION MEETINGS.

The committee, to whom was referred the question as to the propriety of having a minister's and deacon's meeting, agree that it would be most expedient to connect them with the Union meetings, and request our ministering brethren to attend said meetings and that the association appoint some one to preach a sermon at each meeting for the benefit of ministers and deacons.

G. B WALDROP, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Finance:—We your committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Amount of unpaid subscription from different churches for the year 1843, \$34 73

Balance due from the Aberdeen Church for 1844, 10 00

Amount due by subscriptions from different Churches, to be paid by our

next Association to wit:—Church at Hulks, 16 50

Church at Zion, 10 75

H G Spencer, Salem, 5 00

Allen Adkins, " 5 00

E A Warren, " 2 00

John B Ayres, " 5 00

Unpaid subscriptions, from sundry persons, at this association to be paid

in twelve months for Home Missions, 103 50

\$192 47.

For Foreign Missions.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer not paid out last year, \$44 19

Sent up to this Association and collection on Sabbath, 14 87— \$59 06

For the Bible Cause.

Cash in the hands of the Treasurer not paid out, \$23 00

Cash sent up to this Association, 12 72— 35 72

Amount subscribed by sundry persons at this Association to be paid in twelve

months, for Foreign Missions,
 Amount sent up this year for Minutes.
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ COLLINS
 JOS C SPIGHT
 H H MALERY

Report of the Executive Board.

We your Committee beg leave to make the following report to wit:
 Amount of unpaid Subscription in the hands of the Treasurer of last year, see
 years Minutes. \$163
 Cash received of the clerk, left after paying for Minutes last year, 14
 Cash received in the Treasury from Academy church, Public collection, 12
 Cash received in the Treasury from Liberty church, Public collection, 12
 Cash sent up from the different churches this year,
 From the Zion church, 00
 From the Aberdeen church, 10
 From the Tochshish church— 13
 From the Ripley church, 5
 From the Liberty church, Monroe county, 8
 From the Friendship church, 5
 From the Cypress Creek church, 10
 From the Amaziah church, 50
 H H Malery, 50
 Cash collected on Sabbath, at this Association, 138

CR. By cash paid Elder J M Griffin, balance due for the year 1843, \$270 2
 see Minutes. \$91 13
 By cash paid Elder G B Waldrop, bal due for the year 1843, 13 07
 Cash paid J M Griffin, order to S R Spight, of \$50 00 in part
 for his services for the year 1844, 33 00
 Cash paid Bro Boswell for services rendered in 1844, 11 00
 Cash paid Bro Hale, for services rendered in 1844, 3 00
 Cash paid Elder J M Griffin, in part of services for 1844, 84 36
 By balance due on subscriptions of 1843, 34 72

\$270 28.

Liabilities of the Board.

Balance due S R Spight on Elder J M Griffin's order \$17 00
 Balance due J M Griffin, 21 64
 All of which is respectfully submitted.

J DUVAL, Treasurer,

By BENJ COLLINS.

Resolved, that the Bro Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he have twelve hundred copies printed.

Resolved, that this Association returns her thanks to the citizens and brethren of Aberdeen and vicinity, for their cordial reception & entertainment of this association.

On Motion, this Association adjourned to meet with the Church at Ripley, on Friday before 3rd Sabbath in September 1845.

SIMON R SPIGHT,

CLERK

W H HALCOMBE

MODERATOR.

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MISSIONARY HYMN.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile:
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim;
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learn'd Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,—
And you, ye waters, roll,—
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,
The lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

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MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

HELD WITH THE

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH,

TISHEMINGO COUNTY, MISS.

ON THE 18th, 19th, 20th AND 21st DAYS OF SEPTEMBER, 1846.

RIPLEY, MISSISSIPPI.

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1846.

CHURCHES, POST OFFICE'S.		PASTORS.	Meetings	STATE OF THE CHURCHES.		NAMES OF DELEGATES		Contribution for Minutes.		Total in Fellowship,	Dead,	Excluded,	Dis by Letr.	Restored,	Rec by Letr.	Rec by Bap.
Academy,	Cotton Plant, Tip.	Lee Compter,	1	A. McCain, B. Collins, W. J. Riddle.	20	9	00	11	00	1	75	2	50			
Amaziah,	Corbersville, do	Wm Hale	2	J. Boatner, I. Bird, A. Cole.*	3	5	00	21	3	3	08	2	45			
Antioch,	Hatchie T Pike do	P Skelly,	3	J. McAlhany, J. Skillman,* P. Skelly.*	3	10	00	9	2	00	42	1	50			
Bethlehem,	Salem,	No Pastor,	4	H. H. Mallory, J. Swain, R. Hicks,*	00	1	00	4	5	00	34	1	00			
Canaan,	Moors & Roads,			Not represented.												
Cherry Creek,	Pontotoc, Ponto city	M Ball,	2	E. Smith, M. Ball, E. Browning,	00	00	00	00	00	14						
Cypress Creek,	Cypres creek, Lafo	Wm Hale,	4	N. L. Ward, T. R. Williams,* C. R. Loveless,*	25	27	1	1	2	1	60	3	85			
Ebenezer	Carrollville, Tish.			Not represented,												
Fellowship,	Ripley, Tippah co	J M Griffin,	3	J. M. Griffin, T. Moore, J. Hodges,	00	00	00	00	00	95	3	00				
Friendship,	Carrollville, Tish co	J M Griffin,	2	J. Burriss, W. Pane, J. Vanhose,	15	6	1	9	00	00	56	1	50			
Holly Springs,	Spring, Marshall	J W Pender,	4	L. Eldins, R. S. Greer,*	4	3	00	7	00	00	64	1	00			
Liberty,	Palview,	E Smith,	4	J. B. Swell, E. Smith, J. Givens,	2	10	10	3	00	1	57	3	60			
Mt Gilhead,	Ellistown, Pontotoc	J B. well,	4	E. M. Pannell, W. Bridges, T. H. Grubbs,	11	2	00	21	00	4	74	1	40			
Mt Zion,	Mt Pleasant,	J M Rogers,	2	Letter but no Delegates,	27	8	00	4	00	00	58	1	00			
Mt Zion,	Carrollville,	Lee Compter,	4	X. F. Berry, D. Green, J. Rogers,	1	5	00	13	00	80	37	2	00			
New Harmony	Ripley,	M C N ght,	4	H. Robinson, W. U. Robinson, J. Shackelford,	9	3	1	00	00	1	24	1	25			
New Union,	Cypress Creek,	No Pastor,	2	J. P. Wilson, B. Singleton, W. P. Ferguson,	00	4	06	3	1	00	23	3	50			
New Salem,	Farmington,	J M Griffin,	4	J. W. Lowery, J. F. Youngblood, B. E. Jones*	6	00	1	00	00	00	34	1	50			
New Albany,	N Albany, Pon co	Wm Hale,	4	L. Roden, J. Young, J. B. Tardy,*	11	00	00	2	1	2	34	1	00			
Pleasant Ridge	Dumas, Tippah, co	M Ball,	3	J. F. Harrington, J. S. McGee, G. V. Gambrell,	4	2	00	10	4	00	68	3	00			
Philadelphia	Rocky Ford,		1	W. Hale, M. Johnson,* L. Short,	2	6	00	2	00	1	80	1	20			
Poplar Springs	Pontotoc,	C C Malone,	1	J. Rogers, S. Duncan,* J. Warren,*	00	00	00	2	2	1	43	1	50			
*Piney Grove	Hickory Flat,	Ripley,	4	W. E. Rogers, S. R. Spight, J. C. Spight,	10	16	00	00	00	00	49					
Ripley,	Ripley,	P Skelly,	4	R. H. Boone, J. Holmes, S. J. Knight,	14	7	00	00	00	00	29	4	80			
Rienzie	Rienzie Tish, co	J M Griffin,	1	J. Eurnes,* A. Adkins,* J. B. Ayres,	17	2	1	00	1	00	47	1	50			
Salem,	Salem, Tippah co	J W Pender,	3	W. Brown, A. S. Richards,*	00	6	00	2	00	1	26	1	00			
Spring Hill,	Spring Hill,	J Burnes,	3	Not Represented, last years minutes show.	8	00	1	24	2	00	76	2	00			
Town Creek	Pontotoc,			Not Represented	00	00	00	00	00	00	37	75				
Temp'nce Hill	Holly Springs,	P Skelly,	2	M. Mither, J. B. C. Ragan,* K. M. Dodds,*	00	00	00	00	00	00	13					
Union,	Blacks' Store,	E Pack,	2	F. Lambert, S. Pharr, W. Smith,	00	00	00	00	00	00	82					
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MINUTES

OF THE

CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Chickasaw Association met, according to appointment, with the Church at Friendship, Tishomingo county, Miss., Sept. 15th, 1846.

1st. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Wm. Hale, from Acts 2d chap. 47 v. "And the Lord added to the church, daily, such as should be saved."

2. The Association was called to order by Br. R. H. Boone, the Moderator of last year.

3. The letters from the Churches were called for and read, and the names of the delegates enrolled. (See table.)

4. Called for petitionary letters, and received two—one from Piney Grove, and one from Pleasant Hill, asking for admittance into this body.

5. After discussion, Piney Grove was rejected, and the further consideration of the letter from Pleasant Hill postponed till next session.

6. Went into the choice of a Moderator and Clerk; which resulted in the choice of Elder A. McCain mod., and B. Collins, Clerk.

7. Prayer by the Moderator.

8. Appointed Brethren Waldrop, Ball, Hale, Collins and the Moderator, a committee to arrange the business to come before the Association.

9. Appointed Brethren Boone, Ayres, Smith, Calvary, Pang and Burris, to arrange preaching during the session of this body.

10. Appointed Brethren Griffin, S. R. Spight, and Rogers a committee on finance.

11. Reconsidered the action this body took upon the petitionary letters from Piney Grove and Pleasant Hill.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Saturday Morning.—Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Br. Ball.

1st. Report of the Arranging Committee called for, the report received and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

2. Appointed Br. S. R. Spight assistant clerk.

3. Received letters and delegates from the Churches Antioch, Union and Friendship.

4. Read Constitution and rules of decorum, and amended the 9th art. of the rules of decorum, by adding—"But in no case shall one member or church prevent the reception of a church without sufficient cause shown, which shall be determined by a majority."

5. Received minutes from the Panola Association, by the hands of Br. Daniel, and letters and minutes from the Big Bear Creek Association.

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6. Appointed brethren Ball, Waldrop, Browning, McCain, Hale, Malone, and Smith, messengers to the Big Bear Creek Association, to convene with the Church at Mount Pleasant, 7 miles north of Fulton, Itawamba county, Miss., on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Sept., 1847—Br. McCain to write the letter.

7. Appointed brethren Malone, Browning and Moore, messengers to the Panola Association, which is to convene with the church at Yokum on Friday before the 1st Sabbath in Oct. 1846—Br. Malone to write the letter.

8. Appointed brethren Ball, Malone, Smith, Collins, Spight, Smith and Waldrop, messengers to the Aberdeen Association, which is to convene near Houston, Friday before the 31 Sabbath in Oct. 1846—Elder E. Smith to write the letter.

9. Appointed brethren Burns, Ayres and Mallory, messengers to the Big Hatchie Association—Br. Ayres to write the letter.

10. Appointed brethren Rodgers and Penner messengers to the Cold Water Association—Br. Boone to write the letter.

11. Appointed brethren Smith and Ball to attend the "Miss. Baptist State Convention," which will convene with the Church at Friendship, Jefferson county, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in Nov. 1846—Br. Collins to write the letter.

12. Received letters from the Churches at Mount Zion and Holly Springs.

13. Took up petitionary letters. The one from Piney Grove was considered, and that Church admitted into the Union, and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates by the Moderator.

14. Took up the letter from Pleasant Hill.—Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

1st. Resumed the consideration of the letter from Pleasant Hill, after which it was

Resolved, That any further consideration of receiving said church into this union, be deferred until the next session of this body.

2. Took up the query from the Church at Bethlehem, which is as follows: "What course shall be pursued by a church who cannot fellowship practical Free Masonry and Odd Fellowship?" The following is the answer of this body to the above: "Inasmuch as the letter from the Bethlehem Church does not show that any attempt has been made, on the part of said church, to settle any difficulty that may have arisen out of the question adverted to in her

query—be it therefore.

Resolved, That the query be returned to said church, and that this body does most affectionately say to said church that she believes it a question to be determined by the church, and that she cannot answer it more explicitly, particularly in the shape in which it comes up here, not being attended by the reasons the constitution of this body calls for."

3. Appointed a committee to examine corresponding documents, consisting of brethren Hodges, Riddle and McAlhany.

[Adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning]

The Stand was occupied on Sabbath by Elders Hale, Ball, McCain and Boswell, who preached to a large and attentive congregation. There was much feeling manifested on the part of the congregation on the subject of religion.

MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1st. **Resolved**, That the petitionary letter from Pleasant Hall, agreeable to the request of the delegation, be returned to said church.

2. Roll called, and absentees marked.

3. Called for reports. One received from the 3d District, and a select committee of six appointed to take into consideration the request of said District, upon the propriety of dividing the Association, and report as soon as practicable, consisting of brethren Ball, Hale, Boone, Riddle, Griffin and Spight.

Minutes from the 1st District were handed in, also from second. Report from the Treasurer was read; also one from the committee on correspondence, which was as follows:

Your committee appointed to examine corresponding documents from sister Associations, beg leave to make the following report:

After an examination of said correspondence, the only thing we deem necessary to notice is the article gotten up by the Panola Association in lieu of a circular, which we recommend to be spread upon our minutes, with such alterations as may be deemed necessary to suit it to our present circumstances.

Report of the committee on finance handed in and read, and the committee discharged.

4. Called for the circular letter. None having been prepared, the article from the Panola Association was adopted in lieu of one, with such alterations as were recommended by the committee on correspondence.

5. Appointed Br. A. McCain to write the circular letter for next year.

6. The report of the committee on the expediency of dividing the Association was called or and read, as follows: "Your committee believe it expedient that the Association divide at the next session, and that the churches be recommended to instruct their delegates accordingly," which was adopted.

7. Appointed Br. A. McCain to preach the next introductory sermon: Br. M. Ball his alternate.

8. **Resolved**, That Elder E. Smith be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for any monies that may be at the time in his hands, and that he be instructed to pay over the same to the Treasurer of the "Miss. Baptist State Convention."

9. **Resolved**, That the attention of the churches be particularly invited to the 11th and 12th articles of our constitution.

10. **Resolved**, That the Clerk be instructed to forward a copy of these minutes to the "Miss. Baptist," and "Baptist Register," New York.

11. **Resolved**, That J. H. Berry, E. Smith of Liberty, S. R. Spight, Allen Adkins and W. J. Riddle compose the executive committee the ensuing year; and the Clerk to be Treasurer.

12. **Resolved**, That Brother Malone be appointed to distribute the minutes in the 1st District, Br. Griffin in the 2d, and Br. Boone in the 3d.

13. **Resolved**, That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and distribute them to the distributing agents, and that he have as many copies struck as the money sent for that purpose will pay for, after retaining \$10 00 for his services.

14. Recorded District meetings.

The annual meeting of the 1st Dis. will be held with the church at Liberty, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1847. Br. Ball preach introductory sermon—Br. Hale preach a sermon to the ministers and deacons—Br. Waldrop preach a missionary sermon.

The 2d Dis. will meet with the church at Fellowship, Friday before the 31 Sabbath in August, 1847. That of the third will be held with the church at Mount Zion, Itawamba county, Friday before the 4th Sabbath in August, 1847.

15 **Resolved unanimously**, That the thanks of the Association be tendered to the brethren and friends of Friendship Church and neighborhood, for the excellent and hospitable manner in which they have been pleased to entertain this body during its present session.

16. **Resolved**, That this Association now adjourn to meet with the Church at Cherry Creek Friday before the 3d Lord's day in September, 1847.

A. MCCAIN, MODERATOR.

BENJ. COLLINS, Clerk.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Am't sent up this year for minutes	\$43.20
Cash received at this Association	
for Home Missions	\$12 55
Balance paid on old subscription	
from Cypress Creek	\$1 50

The minutes of last year show a considerable amount due the Association on unpaid subscriptions, to which we refer you as full and complete.

S. R. SPIGHT,
J. M. GRIFFIN,
W. E. ROGERS.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

Available funds in the hands of the Clerk as per last year's minutes:

For Foreign Missions \$14 49

" Home " \$18 14

All of which is submitted.

NATH'L HARBIN, *Treas*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER OF THE CHICKASAW BAPTIST MISS. SOCIETY.

Rec'd of sundry persons for foreign missions \$9 00

Rec'd of sundry persons, the object not designated, which is by order of society to be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions, \$25 72) \$12 86.

\$21 86.

Rec'd of sundry persons for Home Missions \$16 00

Half of sundry persons not designated as above \$12 86

\$28 86.

By order of the Society now sitting at the Friendship Church, Tishoming county, Miss., on Monday before the 4th Sabbath in September, 1846.

SIMON R. SPIGHT, *Sec. & Treas.*

CIRCULAR.

DEAR BRETHREN—We propose to address you at this time on the duties of Church Members. Volumes have been written on this subject, and it will not be supposed that within the limits of this short essay, we can do more than give some general outlines of this important subject.

A Church Member is, or at least should be, one who has by the light of grace, shining in the gospel, been made to see his lost condition, and the sinfulness of his own heart, has repented for his sin, and believed on the Saviour, and has, through the door of baptism, entered into the visible church.

In forming this alliance, we pledge ourselves to God and to one another, that the energies of our souls shall be devoted to his service, to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom on earth, and to the aiding one another in our march to join the church triumphant.

Having taken upon ourselves the Christian

name, we are required to let our light so shine before men that others seeing our good works, shall be constrained to give glory to God. We are required to adorn our profession by an orderly walk, and godly conversation. So be not conformed to this world; but be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Our deportment should be such as will call forth the expression, *these have been with Jesus.*

It is the duty of Church Members not only to read the Bible, but to love and obey its precepts; to commune with God in the closet and in the family and social circle.

We shall, however, confine our remarks, mainly, to those duties termed relative duties. First we will consider the duty of Church-members towards their ministers. It is too common in our day for the labors of the ministry to be lightly esteemed; in fact, if we may judge by the conduct of a large portion of the churches, we must conclude that they consider them of no value at all, for they do nothing to sustain the laborers. The neglect is rarely, if ever named in their conferences; and if some one should chance to be more thoughtful on the subject, and introduce it, he is apt to speak of it as alms or charity. That "we must give something to our Minister, because he is poor and needy."

This is an insult upon the Ministerial office, and a sin against God; for we are taught in His word that those who preach the gospel shall live of the gospel; that the laborer is worthy of his hire. Here it is apparent that the support of the Ministry is a duty which we cannot omit without offending God.

The displeasure of God is now resting upon many of the churches for a failure to discharge their duty upon this point. Look around and see the churches and neighborhoods which are destitute of preaching. Consider the removal, by affliction, of some of our Ministers from their fields of labor. Why is it thus? It is a chastisement from the hand of God, for disobedience on the part of Church members.

We must here step beyond our limits to say a word to Ministers. Dear brethren, are you clear of fault in this particular? Have you declared to your churches the whole counsel of God? Have you fully taught them what is their duty in supporting the gospel? Have you urged them to a discharge of that duty?—Have you required it at their hands? Have you visited, conversed, and prayed with your flocks? Have you enforced the precepts of the gospel by your God-like deportment? Have you been punctual in attending to your appointments? Have you devoted all the time you could to the work of your high vocation? If you have failed in any of these matters, a part of the fault must rest upon you. Unfaithful service on the part of his Ministers cannot be

acceptable with God.

But to return, it is not only the duty of churches to contribute to the support of their Ministers, but to support them entirely; to loose their hands, so that they may devote their whole time to the work of the Lord. Whether they be rich or poor, your duty towards them is the same.

You have no more right to receive or require the labors of any Minister, whether rich or poor, without adequate compensation, than you have to require his servants to labor in your cotton fields without pay.

Ministers are frequently called upon to visit distant churches, for the purpose of holding protracted meetings. They go and preach, perhaps for several days; and those who invited them, and among whom their labors have been disposed, do not even pay them enough to shoe their horses, to say nothing of a compensation for their time and labor. This is an outrage upon the Minister, it is a palpable violation of an obvious duty, and a sin against Heaven, for which the punishment due will most assuredly be inflicted.

So long as Church members remain inactive and fail to discharge their duty towards their Ministers, leanness and barrenness of soul will attend them; the churches will languish, and Antichrist gain strength. It would be vain, yes, it would be inconsistent and presumptuous for us to pray to God, to send forth more laborers into his vineyard, whilst we are starving those he has already sent.

Nearly allied to this duty is that of giving the gospel to those who are destitute. Thousands in our own country, and tens of thousands in heathen nations are without the mercy of grace. Hundreds of families, even in our own State, have not a Bible, and many of them have not heard a gospel sermon in ten years—some who have grown up to years of maturity have never heard the glad tidings of salvation.

Must they remain in this wretched condition? No, they must not; it is your duty, as Christians, to send them the gospel.

The present population of the earth is estimated at one thousand millions; of this number it is a moderate calculation to say six hundred millions are in heathenish darkness, and have never heard the name of the Saviour.

Thousands of them are daily going into the world of spirits—not to dwell with God in peace, but to sink down in everlasting despair and misery.

In view of all these facts can we fold our hands, and sit down at ease? No, we dare not be inactive. God calls upon us to act, and to do it immediately. The demand is imperative, and must be obeyed. Where is the Christian whose heart would not bleed, if he could realize the unutterable wretchedness of the heathen? Rational beings, possessed of im-

mortal souls; yet bowing down to stocks and stones—worshipping beasts, birds and reptiles—sacrificing their own lives to gods made with their own hands! It is, beyond all doubt, the duty of every Church member to aid in sending the gospel to the perishing millions who are in this awful condition.

Let none say God will save the heathen by extraordinary means; that he will save them without the gospel. The word of God forbids such an idea for "he that believeth not shall be damned." How shall they believe on him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall he preach except he be sent?

Another duty which we will notice is that of Church members towards their Deacons. It has become a common remark that Deacons are of no use in the church. The truth is the members of the church generally fail to discharge their duty, and thereby render it impossible for the Deacon to perform his part. He is the financial officer of the church; it is his duty to attend to all the pecuniary interests of the church, but this he cannot unless you, as church members, furnish him with the necessary funds. No one will pretend to say he should use his own money for this purpose.

It is often the case that the Deacon informs the church, collectively, that a small amount is needed, perhaps to prepare for the Lord's supper; but being called on thus publicly, each member concludes the amount is so small that it will be made up without any help from me, and thus the poor Deacon is compelled either to go to them individually, and beg them to contribute their dimes or half dimes, or pay it out of his own pocket; and too frequently the latter is the alternative. In a church of fifty members, a contribution of two dimes each, will make ten dollars. But for the Deacon to have this to pay would be an unreasonable burden on him.

It is the duty of the church to keep a fund always in his hands, so that he shall not be subject to the painful necessity of dunning whenever a little expenditure is necessary.

There is another class of duties which we might have introduced before this time, but it will not be out of place here. There are many duties which we owe to one another, to feel and act towards each other as brethren. Each one should consider the spiritual welfare of his brethren as identified with his own. Should one see his brother going astray, he should go to him in a spirit of brotherly kindness, affectionately tell him of his error, warn him of his danger, and try to reclaim him. If you should hear an evil report against a brother, do not report it, or give it further circulation, but go to him and tell him of it; for he may be innocent, or he may be a false witness in place of facts which will give to the subject an

labor with him and try to convince him of his sin. Is your brother in distress? sympathize with him, soothe his sorrows and use all means within your power to render him happy. Much more might be written on this part of the subject; but we must pass on.

It is a common practice among churches, on their conference days, if the Minister is absent, for the members to talk a while about the price of cotton, the prospects of the crops, the dry weather, the elections, &c., and then break up without even singing a song, offering a prayer, or attending to any business. These things

sent; to keep up regular discipline; not to suffer any disorder among the members to pass unnoticed.

In conclusion we would remark that we need not expect to enjoy the smiles of heaven or the blessings of God upon our souls, and upon the church while we remain unwilling to perform all the duties. It is inconsistent to say a christian can feel indifferent on these subjects. And he who can thus feel, after duly examining his own heart, should relinquish all claim to the character of a christian, for he is not entitled to it, but is either deceived in himself or is a hypocrite.

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MISSIONARY HYMN.

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

2 What though the spicy breezes
Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
Though every prospect pleases,
And only man is vile:
In vain with lavish kindness
The gifts of God are strown;
The heathen in his blindness
Bows down to wood and stone.

3 Shall we, whose souls are lighted
With wisdom from on high,
Shall we to men benighted
The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! O, salvation!
The joyful sound proclaim;
Till earth's remotest nation
Has learn'd Messiah's name.

4 Waft, waft, ye winds, his story,—
And you, ye waters, roll,—
Till, like a sea of glory,
It spreads from pole to pole;
Till o'er our ransom'd nature,
The lamb for sinners slain,
Redeemer, King, Creator,
In bliss returns to reign.

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